



North Idaho

# Medical Reserve Corps

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## Increased Emphasis on ICS Trainings for MRC Volunteers

The Federal Government, including the National Medical Reserve Corps office, continues to put more and more emphasis on Incident Command System (ICS) trainings for MRC volunteers. This became very apparent with the recent opportunity for MRC volunteers to apply for the Fall 2008 MRC Deployment Training. Those individuals that otherwise qualified, were ineligible if they had not completed these trainings. Volunteers that successfully complete National Incident Management System (NIMS) and ICS 100 training are eligible for national deployment opportunities as well as these types of training opportunities. Trained volunteers also help our Unit to be "NIMS Compliant," which is tied to program funding and scholarships.

The Medical Reserve Corps of North Idaho will continue to promote these ICS trainings to our volunteers, but will not require them. We have built this Unit into one of the largest in the nation on the basis that there are no training requirements because all volunteers activated in an emergency will receive training prior to entering the field. These ICS trainings, however, are going to be continually required at the national level, so it is vital that as many volunteers as possible complete them as soon as possible.

Both of these trainings are available online and should not take more than an evening each to complete. Below is a description of each along with a link to the training through the FEMA website. Please remember that once you have completed these trainings or any other trainings, to contact the Unit Coordinator, Jessica Aguirre at 208-415-5185 or [jaguirre@phd1.idaho.gov](mailto:jaguirre@phd1.idaho.gov), so that your training record can be updated.

### IS 700 NIMS: Introduction to National Incident Management System

This course introduces the National Incident Management System and explains the key concepts and principles of NIMS, as well as the benefits of using this system for domestic incident response. This course is available online at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is700.asp>

### ICS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System

ICS-100 introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher-level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. All federal, state, territorial, tribal, private sector and non-governmental personnel at the entry, first-line supervisor, middle management, command and general staff levels of emergency management operations must complete Incident Command System-100 level training. This course is available online at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100a.asp>

## Seeking Volunteers for Leadership Roles in the MRC!

The Medical Reserve Corps of North Idaho, in keeping with the National Model and the needs of our local Unit, are gearing up for a change. **We are currently seeking individuals from each County in North Idaho that are willing to serve as Volunteer Leaders for the Counties they reside in.** Duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Attending a Leadership Training.
- Being present at and assist in coordination of trainings in your County.
- Communicate with the Unit Coordinator about events in your County (i.e., Health Fairs, Recruitment Opportunities, etc.)
- Be available for volunteers in your County to contact you for guidance and questions, etc.
- Serve as the Staging Manager/Volunteer Coordinator in an activation or exercise in your County.



We plan to identify and train at least 3 individuals from each County in order to share in duties and serve as backup in an activation. If you would like more information about this role or think you may be interested, please contact Jessica Aguirre at 208-415-5185 or email [jaguirre@phd1.idaho.gov](mailto:jaguirre@phd1.idaho.gov).



# Medical Reserve Corps

## Quarterly Training Schedule



### October

10/14 - 10/16

#### Basic Public Information Officer

@ CDA Fire Station 3  
1500 N. 15th, CDA  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Daily

#### Basic Public Information Officer:

*This 3 day class is intended for the new or less experienced PIO. This course will emphasize basic skills and knowledge needed for emergency public information activities. Topics will include the role of the PIO in emergency management, conducting awareness campaigns, news release writing, public speaking and television interviews. We will be completing interview exercises in front of a camera.*

### November

11/10

#### MRC Alert Drill

Everyone should expect a TEST phone call @ 10:00 a.m.

*ICS 400: The target audience for this course is senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an area command or multi-agency coordination entity. Prerequisites: ICS 100 & 200 & 300*

11/15

#### Psychological First-Aid

@ Hayden  
Panhandle Health District  
8500 N. Atlas - Rooms 251 & 253  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

*MRC Alert Drill: The purpose of this drill is to test the Health District's ability to utilize a call-out system to contact and relay information to the MRC in a timely manner.*

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#### PPE

@ Hayden  
Panhandle Health District  
8500 N. Atlas - Rooms 251 & 253  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*First Aid/CPR/AED: The purpose of this course is to provide basic first aid and CPR training for volunteers.*

*Psychological First Aid: The purpose of this course is to prepare volunteers and staff to provide basic care, comfort and support to people who are experiencing disaster-related stress.*

*Personal Protective Equipment: This class is designed to familiarize volunteers with personal protective gear that may be needed in an emergency.*

### December

12/2 - 12/3

#### ICS 400: Advanced ICS for Command & General Staff

@ Hayden  
Panhandle Health District  
8500 N. Atlas - Rooms 251 & 253  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Daily

12/TBD

#### First Aid/CPR

@ Hayden  
Panhandle Health District  
8500 N. Atlas - Rooms 251 & 253  
Notice will be emailed & sent on postcard when date is confirmed

### January

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#### Site Call Down Drill

Everyone should expect a TEST phone call that exercises PHD's ability to perform a POD site call-down.

Date & Time will be Unannounced

*Site Call Down Drill: Everyone should expect a TEST phone call that exercises the Health District's ability to perform a POD site call-down.*

**NIMS, ICS 100 & ICS 200 will only be offered online this year. Please see the links below for each.....**

**NIMS (IS 700):** <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is700.asp>

**ICS 100:** <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100a.asp>

**ICS 200:** <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is200a.asp>

**To register for any of the offered trainings or for more information, please contact**

**Jessica Aguirre at 208-415-5185 or [jaguirre@phd1.idaho.gov](mailto:jaguirre@phd1.idaho.gov)**

**Remember to always fax a copy of any training certificates you receive to the MRC office at 208-415-5181**

**See if you can find all of the listed components associated with the Medical Reserve Corps of North Idaho and have some fun doing it!**

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OPERATIONS  
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PROPHYLAXIS  
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TRAINING  
VOLUNTEERS  
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# ESAR-VHP is Here!

(Emergency System for the Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals)

*Idaho State is currently working toward the integration of a State Volunteer Registry for the deployment of volunteers outside of local jurisdictions. Please note that this is an optional registry and that the MRC of North Idaho will eventually be contacting all volunteers to survey interest in joining. **More information to follow.....***

## MRC Call-Out Drills are Back!

We've worked out the kinks and are ready to resume the quarterly MRC Call-Out Drills. Please see the schedule below and remember that all Drills take place at 10:00 a.m.

**November 10 ~ February 10 ~ May 10 ~ August 10**

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